

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has experienced natural and technological disasters in the past, and scientific evidence indicates Washington remains vulnerable to natural and technological disasters in the future; and

WHEREAS, loss of life and property from all hazards can be greatly reduced if citizens have information provided over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Weather Radio; and

WHEREAS, state agencies, schools, hospitals, businesses and the general public should have programmable weather radios equipped with a tone feature that can sound an alert for their location giving immediate information about a life threatening event; and

WHEREAS, the importance of monitoring NOAA Weather Radio will be highlighted during the month of September for NOAA, the city, county and state emergency management agencies, schools, hospitals and businesses throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Washington need to prepare themselves to be self sufficient for at least three days following a natural or technological disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 2003, as

Weather Radio Awareness Month

in Washington State, and I encourage all citizens to increase their knowledge and awareness of the benefit and use of the NOAA Weather Radio before, during, and after a natural or technological disaster.



Signed this 16th day of June, 2003

Governor Gary Locke